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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, EG, LE  
SUBJECT: LEBANESE NEGOTIATIONS DRAG ON

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1. PRESIDENT SADAT CONTINUED HIS MEETINGS WITH LEBANESE  
LEADERS SEPT. 19 IN ISMAILIYYA, BUT LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE  
APPEARS TO HAVE EMERGED FROM SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH SHAIKH  
KASAN KHALID, MUFTI OF LEBANON, AND FORMER LEBANESE PRIMIN  
TAQI AL-DIN AL-SULH. DAILIES SEPT. 20 REPORT THAT SADAT  
RECEIVED URGENT MESSAGE DURING HIS SEPT. 18 DISCUSSIONS  
WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT SARKIS FROM PLO CHAIRMAN ARAFAT, BUT NO  
DETAILS PROVIDED. PRESS REPORTS THAT, ACCORDING TO DEPRIMIN/  
FONMIN FAHMY, FARUQ QADDUMI, HEAD OF PLO POLITICAL DEPARTMENT,  
FRESH FROM HIS TALKS IN MOSCOW, WILL ARRIVE IN CAIRO FOR  
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DISCUSSIONS WITHIN NEXT TWO DAYS.

2. DAILIES SEPT. 20 REPORT IN RELATIVELY MATTER-OF-FACT FASHION FAILURE OF SHTURA DISCUSSIONS AND POSTPONEMENT OF TALKS UNTIL SEPT. 24, AFTER INSTALLATION OF SARKIS. ARTICLES IN GENERAL BLAME SYRIAN INTRANSIGENCE FOR LACK OF PROGRESS IN SHTURA, AND AHARAM SPECULATES THAT SARG BEING OBDURATE SO THAT SARKIS WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE TO AGREE TO SECURITY TREATY WITH SYRIA AND TO SYRIAN TRAINING FOR NEWLY-CONSTITUTED LEBANESE ARMY.

3. AHARAM EDITORIALY CASTIGATES "ISOLATIONIST LEBANESE" AND FLAYS BOTH PRESIDENT FRANJIYA AND ACTING PRIMIN CHAMOUN. ONLY POSITIVE SUGGESTION THAT AHARAM EDITORIALY MAKES, HOWEVER, IS THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT SRKIS MUST ASSUME OFFICE ON SEPT. 23 ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE.

4. COMMENT: EUPHORIC MOOD WHICH PERVADED CHAIR PRESS DURING EARLY DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS ON LEBANON APPEARS CONSIDERABLY DISSIPATED. GOE OBVIOUSLY HOPES THAT INSTALLATION OF SARKIS MAY IN SOME WAY NEUTRALIZE CHAMOUN/Franjiya CAMP, BUT HOW THIS WOULD OCCUR IS NOT SPELLED OUT. NO SPECULATION OCCURS IN SEPT. 20 PRESS CONCERNING JUMBLATT VISIT TO CAIRO; SPECIFICS OF PLO POSITION AND LIKELIHOOD OF PLO CONCESSIONS TO SYRIANS NOT ADDRESSED AT ALL. EGYPTIAN PRESS THUS APPEARS TO BE ASSUMING OLD PASSIVE ROLE ON LEBANON, INCLUDING CASTIGATION OF SYRIAN BA'ATH AS CHIEF CULPRIT IN LEBANON, WHILE AWAITING FOR EVENTS TO UNFOLD ELSEWHERE. MATTHEWS

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